[Dewan Bahadur L. Venkitakrishnan.]

Item No. 1 viz., Rs. 1,27,000 is required for a godown to store foodgrains at Quilon and item No. 2 viz. Rs. 20,000 is required for the maintenance of Trivandrum Drainage.

The godown in Quilon is nearing completion. The necessity for this godown arose soon after the budget was passed on account of the extra foodgrains that we received and also on account of some of the temporary godowns having collapsed. It was therefore necessary to build permanent godowns the estimated cost of which was Rs. 1,52,000, and for emergent purposes a sum of Rs. 25,000 was taken out of the reserve left with the Chief Engineer and used on the work. The balance of Rs. 1,27,000 is be incurred and the present grant is for this amount.

The Trivandrum Drainage was in progress at the beginning of the year and it was not anticipated that a large portion would be actually brought into use. But owing to the speeding up of the work, it has been possible to bring some of it into use and thereby one of the sub-divisions attached to the scheme for the construction of the work was abolished. But the Sub-Division Officer was re-engaged on maintenance work and the maintenance staff which was engaged to run two pumping stations, look after the disposal of the Drainage and keep things in order, cost Rs. 20,000 and I am asking that this Rs. 20,000 be sanctioned.

Mr. G. Ravi Varma: In supporting this demand I wish to bring to the notice of the House one point under the second part of the demand. The first part of the demand may be allowed, it being a very urgent need. The second part of the demand does not justify the grant at the present stage because this amount could have been included in the budget. This is for the maintenance of the Drainage Department.

President: It was pointed out that it could not be anticipated at that time because we did not then anticipate that the Drainage scheme would come into operation on a large scale. It is only after that that the need was felt.

The question that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,47,000 under Demand III—Public Works Department, including Water Works and Drainage—was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND V—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT, ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE AND LOCAL FUND AUDIT DEPARTMENT—Rs. 1,000.

Mr. S. Ramaswami Aiyar: I move for the grant of Rs. 1,000 under Demand V—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant-General's Office and Local Fund Audit

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Department for the appointment of a Special Officer for the preparation of a Municipal Manual. The necessity for this Manual was urged by the Municipal Conference held in 1119. The Government are also convinced of the necessity for a Manual for the efficient working of the Municipalities. The work is proposed to be entrusted to the Local Fund Examiner. He is to be assisted by an Inspector specially deputed for the purpose with a small staff. I request that the grant may be passed by the House.

The question that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be granted under Demand V—General Administration, Financial Secretariat, Accountant General's Office and Local Fund Audit Department was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—LEGISLATIVE BODIES—Rs. 7,000.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 7,000 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies as an additional allotment on account of bye-election charges.

This amount is needed for expenditure on account of bye-election charges and for remuneration for election tribunal. There is only a grant of Rs. 5,000 in the budget and the expenditure so far incurred has almost exceeded the budget allotment. This is due to the unusually large number of election petitions we had this year. The Election Commissioners have disposed of two petitions and they will surely take a little more time to finish the remaining work. To meet this expenditure I request that a sum of Rs. 7,000 be granted by the House.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 7,000 under Demand VI—General Administration—Legislative Bodies was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VIII—JAILS—Rs. 68.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: I move for a grant of Rs. 68 under Demand VIII—Jails for payment of house rent allowance for the Deputy Jailor, Jail Manufactory.

This amount is needed for payment of a house rent allowance to the Deputy Jailor whose hours of work in the Jail are from 8-30 in the morning to 5 in the evening. Besides that he has to be in charge of the Jail when the Jailor is away on court duty. He has to be in the Jail premises also during Sundays. Therefore Government thought that they could give him quarters in the Jail itself

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